



# GREEN LAKE

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

AN ENVIRONMENT OF EXCELLENCE

NOVEMBER, 2017 NEWSLETTER



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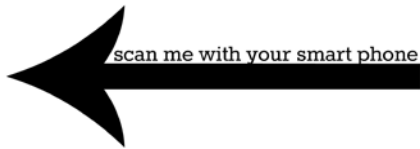
**Congratulations to  
the Elementary  
students of the  
Month!!!!**



**IB Attributes:  
Inquirer &  
Knowledgeable**



**From The Desk Of  
The Principal  
Gina Baxter**



**FRIENDLY REMINDER:** Students are not to be in the school after the buses leave (around 3:25) unless they are here for an extracurricular activity, attending homework club, or meeting with a teacher. The school does not provide supervision after school hours.

## **Planting Seeds For the Future**

The first, second, third and fourth grade classes helped Lisa Reas with a conservancy project this fall! Students collected seeds from a healthy prairie area at the Green Lake Conference Center and spread it in a different area that was damaged by the invasive buckthorn plant.



### District Board Of Education Members

- Meade Grim
- Loni Meiborg
- Ron Triemstra
- Sue Sorenson
- Sydney Rouse
- Sarah Allen
- Andy Gyske



Superintendent  
Mary Allen

**The Green Lake School District, in partnership with the community, commits to an education of excellence by creating a safe environment that encourages mutual respect, enthusiasm for learning through personal attention, and integrated, challenging curriculum so that students can reach their full potential as positive members of our community and the world beyond the classroom.**

### Message from the District Administrator

The first three months of school have passed, and we have all settled in. With Christmas break right around the corner, it is time to recognize the important advantages we have as a small school in a rural community. One of these advantages is the student-centered approach and personal attention a small school can give its students. Recently, Jonathan Cloud from the University of Wisconsin- Green Bay's Behavioral Health Training Partnership spoke to the district's employees. Cloud told the group that the best place for kids, especially those who are struggling or having difficulties, is in school. He asked that each teacher or staff member find the "spark" that changes a student's life forever. For Jonathan it was public-speaking, for me it was teaching, and for our students the "sparks" are limitless. It could be writing, painting, fixing a car, or designing a website. Every student has a "spark" and it is our job to recognize it and build upon it.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to parents and community members who would like to join in the many activities planned for the month of December: **PTO Holiday Bazaar** (December 2 @ 9 AM - 3 PM in the HS Gym), **National Honor Society Trivia Night** (December 9 @ 5 PM in the HS Gym), **Middle School and High School Winter Choir Concert (grades 6-12)** (December 14 @ 7:00 PM at Thrasher Opera House), **Middle School & High School Band Concert (grades 7-12)** (December 19 @ 7 PM at Pillsbury Center in the Green Lake Conference Center), **Community Blood Drive** (December 20 @ 10:30 AM -7:30 PM in the HS Gym), **Elementary 4K-5 Winter Concert (includes 5th and 6th grade Band)** (December 21 @ 6 PM in the HS gym). Also check out the schedule for basketball games! Have a wonderful holiday season!

### Food Service Accounts:

Every school must have an unpaid meals policy in place. The district is currently working on its policy and will share it with you when it is completed. The policy will include procedures about payment that will improve communication with parents regarding their accounts. Please continue to keep your accounts up-to-date.

### Attendance:

The district is asking that students who are missing school for doctor or dentist appointments, ask the receptionist for a "school note" to give to the school office upon return. The Department of Public Instruction has changed attendance reporting, and it is important for the district to have this documentation. Please continue to adhere to the district's attendance policy and schedule appointments outside of school whenever possible. Thank you for your help!

**Freeland Film Festival Fundraiser:** The Green Lake School District is a Shoe Box Recycling site. If you have gently used shoes you no longer need, please consider sharing them with someone who does need them. This is sponsored by the Freeland Film Festival (June 2018) organizers and Alex Galatowitsch and Wyatt Johnson. Visit <http://www.freelandfilmfest.org>. The ShoeBox is located in the school office.

**Thank you to Oak Ridge Foam and Coating Systems, Inc.** A big thank you goes out to Jed Stellmacher and the folks at Oak Ridge who helped make our school a safer and more pleasant place to be. Students in Mr. Kuehn's Metals and Small Engines classes like to do projects that often create an unwanted smell in the hallway and classroom next door. Jed solved the problem by sealing off the gaps in the ceiling. His donation of time and materials is greatly appreciated. Thank you!





**Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Elementary Field Trip**



**GLHS Band - Bucks Game**

**Introducing GLHS Rotary Students of The Month**

Chosen by GLSD teachers, these students exhibit excellence both academically and through community involvement. Each student chosen will attend meetings to learn more about Rotary International.



**Grace Reininger**



**Wyatt Johnson**



**Jamie Kosti**



**Connor Shohoney**

**Green Lake School District Welcomes New Teachers**



**Ms. Larson**  
**Speech/Language**



**Mr. Danke**  
**Grade 5**



**Mrs. Radke**  
**Biology**



**Ms. Pine**  
**Elementary Music**





**We welcome back the Green Lake High School Choir from their first concert performance tour!**

On October 19-20th, the high school choir sang their way east and south through Wisconsin, concluding their tour by meeting up with other high school and middle school Green Lake music students at a Friday evening performance in Milwaukee.

In two fantastic days, the high school choir participated in four performances and one fireside jam session, explored the ornate and unique creative design spaces at the Kohler Design Center, body-board surfed at the Blue Harbor Resort water park, took in the splendor of a sunrise vocal warm-up on the sandy beach shores of Lake Michigan, got inspired by an incredibly moving college chorus rehearsal and clinic, and laughed their way through the Milwaukee Repertory Theater's production of *Guys and Dolls*. A huge thank you to all who made this trip possible.

**Congratulations to Erik Olmen and Nolan Madrigrano for their participation in the WSMA Middle Level State Honors Project!**

The WSMA Middle Level State Honors Music Project offers talented youth the opportunity to rehearse and perform with nationally-known conductors in a professional setting. All Honors groups perform at the Wisconsin State Music Conference. Middle Level State Honors students receive their music in August and meet for the first time the day before their fall performance.



Green Lake Food Service department is looking for a substitute food service worker. This is a casual call position to fill in for planned and unplanned absences. Background in food service is desired.

If interested please contact Patty Abraham, Food Service Director at 920-294-6411 extension 1120 or email at [abrahamp@glsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:abrahamp@glsd.k12.wi.us)

The Green Lake Class of 2018 is raising money with a Fruit and Kringle Sale from Nov. 16th until Dec. 1st. Our fruit comes from Alsum (prices vary). Our Kringles are from O&H Danish Bakery in Racine and cost \$12 ea.

Order forms can be found on the Green Lake School District website under the Secondary tab. OR, you may call the school (920) 294-6411 to order. Payment is due on or before Dec. 1st.

Orders can be picked up at the school on Wednesday, Dec. 13 after 10







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the Green Lake PTO! Our**

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GREEN LAKE PTO, NOVEMBER 2017



**NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GREEN LAKE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to qualified electors of the School District of Green Lake that a school board election will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. The term of office for school board members is a 3-year term, April 23, 2018 – April 25, 2021, for school board positions currently being held by Holland (Meade) Grim and Sarah Allen.

**Note:** December 22, 2017 by 5:00 pm is the last day for **incumbents not seeking** reelection to file **Notification of Non-Candidacy** (Form EL-163) with the filing officer.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that if a primary election is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that an elector desiring to be a candidate for a position on the Green Lake School Board must file a sworn "Declaration of Candidacy" (Form EL-162sd) and a Campaign Registration Statement (ETHCF-1) at the Green Lake School Administrative Office located at 612 Mill Street, or may file personally with the School District Clerk, Ronald Triemstra, no later than 5:00 p.m. January 2, 2018.

Forms are available from the district clerk or from the school's administrative office. Once filed, a "Declaration of Candidacy" **may not** be withdrawn. Note: If an incumbent fails to file his or her "Declaration of Candidacy" by January 2, 2018 and also did not file a non-candidacy notice on or before December 22, 2017, then the filing deadline for other candidates is extended by 72 hours.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2017

Ronald Triemstra

School District Clerk

School District of Green Lake

**Trailways All -Conference band -  
Heidel House Green Lake**





**Congratulations to the cast and crew of the Snow Queen!**

# LOVE the LIBRARY

**Library News:** Sixth grade students are starting their research unit to learn more about strategic searching, databases and using keywords. They are also learning how to detect bias in news articles and determine credible sources.

Fifth graders are learning about spreadsheets and how to organize, analyze and synthesize data. In a few weeks they will be able to help you with your household budget ;)

Fourth graders are working on self-publishing an original story, and third graders are learning how to create electronic presentations.

Second graders will be starting their coding unit soon, and first/kinders are learning basic computer operations.

All of these skills can be helped by having them practice their typing skills at home on [typing.com](http://typing.com).

In the library, our Elementary, Middle and High School Battle of the Books teams have been doing a great job reading and preparing for the state battle. We have some very dedicated, strong readers this year and our chances of stomping the competition look better each week!



**Kindergarten Entrepreneurs**

The Green Lake kindergarten students learned about healthy food choices from each of the food groups. To put this knowledge to the test they opened their own healthy drive through restaurant.

The students built a menu board to choose from, with matching items back in the kitchen. Patrons drove up in exclusive cardboard box vehicles to the window, chose their meal, and were presented that meal on a tray. The last stop in the restaurant experience was to visit the food police - at this spot the evaluator on duty checked over the tray, used chips on a food group picture to keep track, and made sure an item from each food group was represented. If the meal contained all 5 food groups a celebratory triangle bell was rung and congratulations offered.

The students created their own signage and advertisements for the restaurant, staffed it completely, and created and kept the fleet of vehicles in good shape. Patrons from many different aged classes visited the restaurant, and tutorials were provided in case clients were unfamiliar with healthy food choices.

**Notes from the Nurse:**

We ask that if your child is not feeling well to consider keeping him/her at home. This information is to serve as an informational guideline in preventing the spread of communicable disease in school. If any of the following symptoms are noted, they should not be at school:

- A temperature of 100 degrees or more
- On antibiotics less than 24 hours
- A productive cough or continuous coughing
- Purulent (green, yellow, thick, or otherwise unusual) nasal or eye drainage
- Diarrhea or frequent stools
- Skin rashes/eruptions
- Red throat, swollen glands around jaws, ears, or neck
- Complaints of ear ache, severe stomach ache, sore throat, severe headache
- Nausea or vomiting (during the night or in the morning)
- Lethargy, complaints of muscular aches and pains
- Head or body lice

Students presenting any signs or symptoms mentioned above should remain home until they are symptom free for 24 hours. Our purpose is not only to protect all students, but also prevent students from returning to school with a decreased resistance to infections. Your cooperation in maintaining a healthy school environment for all students is appreciated.

**Sharing and Being Healthy**

The kindergarten students learned about the food groups in their first IB unit this year - what foods are in each group, how those foods help our bodies stay healthy, and how to choose foods from each group to create a healthy meal. They also learned about the foods that are best saved for a treat - such as soda, cookies, candy, chips etc.

With their parent's help, the K kids were given the initiative to go shopping with their family and identify one such food that is usually purchased during grocery shopping. For that one time, the child was asked to identify the food they did NOT want to purchase that day, and instead put that amount of cash in an envelope to bring to school.

In kindergarten we had a collection box from Feed My Starving Children, an organization which creates meals designed to keep children from starving. The cost to create these meals of rice, soy, protein powder and dried vegetables in 22 cents per meal. Volunteers do all the packing, and missionaries deliver them, so most of the donations given go towards the ingredients for the meals.

Through the generosity of the kindergarten kids and their families we are able to donate a sum to create 60 meals.



### **Camping Trips Provide Educational Experiences, Life Lessons**

The grass sure does *not* grow beneath the feet of Green Lake School District's Outdoor Education program. In short, this fall has been a busy season, providing outdoor educational experiences for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, freshman, sophomore, junior and senior students.

The year began with a 3 day canoe and camping trip to the Willow Flowage, Lake Tomahawk in northern Wisconsin. The trip was student designed, with the science club doing all of the planning. Students, shopped, set up camp, fished, and cooked over an open fire for themselves. Besides honing outdoor skills, students also bonded socially as grades 10-12 and international students were involved.

Sharing their appreciation of the school forest, sophomores facilitated a scavenger hunt activity where 1st and 2nd graders had to practice inquiry and problem-solving skills to learn about the different locations along Hammer's Trail. In a second activity, students made a collection of things in nature that would fit into a ziplock bag and explain what they observed to their sophomore guides.

Third and fourth grade classes went out to the school forest and collected seeds from the Dawson Prairie in the Green Lake Conference Center with Lisa Reas and then planted the seeds the same day.

The biology students went to the school forest and Hammer's Trail to learn how to identify trees using a dichotomous key, requiring students to use close observation skills.

Science club members contribute for their canoe trips and teachers apply for grants to help pay for these activities; however, they can always use support.



This November's Dartford Educational Club meeting featured a group of Green Lake High School students. The Dartford Educational Club, a women's educational club that has been in existence since 1896, is known for supporting Green Lake students with two annual scholarships. The Dartford Educational Club also provides money for holiday turkeys or hams to the local food pantry. During their recent meeting, the club listened ... and even gamely sang along ... to a presentation by representatives of the Green Lake High School Choir. A big thank you to the Dartford Educational Club for all they do to support their local community!





**School Closing Information:** When weather conditions necessitate an early school dismissal, the school district and parents have a shared responsibility for the safety of the students. The school district will operate under the assumption that students in grades 5 and above are able to supervise themselves at home and supervise their younger brothers and sisters when school is dismissed early, and a parent is not at home. Parents who are not at home during the day due to work schedules are encouraged to discuss with their children the procedures they should follow if they will be at home without adult supervision due to an early school dismissal. The school district will contact the parents of students in grades 4K-4 who do not have an older sibling to inform them of the emergency situations which require an early school dismissal. To sign up for a text alert when Green Lake School is delayed or closed go to: [http://www.fox11online.com/subindex/about\\_us/text\\_alerts](http://www.fox11online.com/subindex/about_us/text_alerts) and follow the prompt. Make sure to pick Green Lake School as your school.

The school district will attempt to contact radio and television stations prior to 6:15 a.m. whenever school is canceled or the start of the school day is delayed.

- Radio stations which will broadcast information about the Green LakePublic Schools weather/emergency related schedule changes are WRPN (1600 AM) and WISS (102.3).
- Television stations which will broadcast the information are WLUK-TV, WMTV-TV, WGBA-TV, WFRV-TV, and WBAY-TV.
- Check our school website and Facebook page for cancellations

**Please make note that anytime school is canceled or dismissed early due to weather, road conditions, or other emergencies, all after school activities, athletic practices and contests are also canceled.**

Weather conditions may make school bus travel unsafe on some roads. Each bus driver has been given the authority to determine if a portion of his/her route is unsafe for travel due to road conditions.



The winter season has arrived! For the safety of our children, the elementary teachers have agreed on some winter recess attire rules. These rules must be followed by all children, or they will be required to spend the recess inside.

1. All children must have winter boots to play outside. Those without boots will have to stay in the "No Boot Zone".
2. All children grades 4K-3 must wear snow pants to go out in the snow. Children in these grades who have boots, but no snow pants will be required to stay on the blacktop.
3. Children in grades 4-6, snow pants are optional. Those without snow pants may not play in the snow.
4. Please help to make sure your child is wearing attire that they are able to independently put on and remove.

**\*\*hats and mittens are required at all times\*\***

We have a program available that will provide items for any family that is not able to purchase the necessary items for school. If you have a need, feel free to contact your child's teacher or you can email the Student Office at [dornfelda@glisd.k12.wi.us](mailto:dornfelda@glisd.k12.wi.us).

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or kristinannoye@marykay.com*

December 11<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> .....Scholastic Book Fair

December 14<sup>th</sup> ....MS & HS Winter Choir Concert (grades 6 – 12) @ Thrasher 7:00 pm

December 19<sup>th</sup>....Middle School & HS Band Concert (grades 7-12) Pillsbury Center @  
GLCC 7:00 pm

December 20<sup>th</sup> .....Blood Drive – HS Gym

December 21<sup>st</sup>.....Elementary 4K – 5 Winter Concert – HS Gym 6:00 pm  
Includes 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Band

December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> .....Winter Recess

